

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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June 12, 2007

TO:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION:

Natural Resources Commission

Transaction:

Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999

State Forest Land Acquisition

Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie County

Land Transaction Case #20070131

Purchase:

5.0 acres- To be purchased from Benzie County in the amount of

\$32,400.00 as provided by statute. 2006 SEV \$16,200.00.

Description:

Benzie County, Weldon Township, T25N, R14W, Section 8. The W 1/2 of

SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4.

Authority:

Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of the

General Property Tax Act.

Notice:

This item will appear on the Department's July 2, 2007 Calendar and is

eligible for approval on July 9, 2007.

Comments:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to acquire this parcel under Authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the DNR had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the DNR the first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the local county or the State of Michigan under Act 123.

Acquisition of this parcel will eliminate a private in-holding, secure valuable habitat for turkeys and a variety of wildlife species, and increase hunting and

other public recreational opportunities in the Traverse City Management

Unit.

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That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for Turkey Habitat Acquisition, as contained in Act 297, Public

Acts of 2005.

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Land	and	Facilit	ties

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

William E. Moritz, Chief Wildlife

Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy Dennis R. Fedewa Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries Director

Date Approved

PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999 State Forest Land Acquisition Traverse City Management Unit - Benzie County Land Transaction Case #20070131

